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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with its review of arrangements for safeguarding the President, the Commission would appreciate being furnished any materials which have not already been furnished, in the following categories:

- a) Any memorandum or study pertaining to arrangements for safeguarding the President which existed at the time of the assassination.
- b) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of criteria employed in determining what information coming to the attention of the Bureau should be furnished to the Secret Service.
- c) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of the procedures employed in carrying out liaison with the Secret Service in connection with safeguarding the President.
- d) Any memorandum or study of the matters covered in a), b) or c) above, which has been prepared since the assassination, including any consideration of any change in such arrangements, criteria or procedures.

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To the extent that written materials do not now exist with respect to these matters, it would be of invaluable assistance to the Commission if a written report or reports thereon could be prepared and made available.

In addition, the Commission would appreciate a formal statement of your recommendations regarding the entire matter of Presidential security. As you know, it is possible that the Commission may wish eventually to make certain recommendations regarding this problem. We are interested, of course, in having the benefit of your experience as we consider various aspects of the problem.

I recognize that the information requested in this letter requires the most careful and secure treatment. I would be pleased to discuss with you or Mr. Malley any suggestions you may have as to security precautions you would want to observe in making the data available to the Commission.

On behalf of the Commission I wish to thank you and your representatives for your continued assistance to the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel